

THE *nineteenth*
Arraignment *Treatise*
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OF

The Coach-Man and Foot-Boy,

on Friday last, the 13th. of this present December, 1661.
at the Sessions-House in the Old-Bailey, who murdered
their Royal Master the Prince of Transilvania, as he was
asleep in his Coach, near Rochester.

Being a perfect and full account of

Their peaching each other at their Examination be-
fore the Lord Mayor, Lord Chief Justice, and the
rest of the Honourable Court. The manner how
they were brought in Guilty by the Jury; with an
Order thereupon for their being conveyed to Maid-
stone in Kent, and the Desires of John Jacob to the
Court thereupon.

TOGETHER

With the Trial and Condemnation of the 2 Souldiers
that killed Mr. Grouster the Brickler in Turn-again-
lane: The manner of their first quarreling, how they
slew him, there flight thereupon; and the taking of
them afterwards and committing them to Newgate,
who on Saturday last were both Condemned to be
Hanged for the said Murther.



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An Impartial, Perfect, and True Account of
The Examination and Confession
 of the Coach-man and Foot-Boy
 at their Arraignment and Trial at
 the Sessions-House in the Old-
 Bailey on Friday last, the 13th of
 this present December, &c.

Murther is a crying sin, that calls aloud for Vengeance, and will never cease till it be heard; And although Revenge be not executed upon the Authors thereof presently, at last it lights heavy on them; for innocent Blood will never be hid, although never so secretly committed, which doth plainly appear by *John Jacob the Jewish* Coach-man, and the Foot-Boy, (both Servants to the Prince of *Transylvania*) who consulted together to murder their Royal Master when they had him in a private place, where they imagined none might espy them. But the All-seeing Eye

of God they could not escape, whose Bloody action was open to him, though hid in obscurity for a time from the World, neither did it long so continue; for being not contented with the Wealth they had taken from him after he was murdered, coming up to London to sell some of his Apparel, a Hanger, and a Watch, [as the Witnesses testified in the Old-Bailey] they were apprehended and committed to Newgate, where they remained till Sessions in order to their Trial: And on Friday last the 13th of this present *December*, they were both brought from thence to the Sessions house in the Old Bailey, there to answer for what they had done, and being brought to the Bar before that Honourable Court, the Lord Mayor asked the Coachman, *What moved him to do that Barbarous deed, and whether the Boy was as chief an Agent as he, or drawn thereto by his perswasion.* To which he replied, *That his intent was not to kill him, or to do him any harm, onely when he was sleeping to take some money from him, which he was in Arrears, knowing that then he had great store, and that he intended to take no more then was due to him, which was about some nine pound, but seeing him stir and begin to awake when he was about it, and fearing his displeasure, he said he knew not what to do, being heartily sorry for what was done.* The Court told him, Not the stirring of his Master, or fear of his Displeasure he minded, but a bloody intent to murder him for what Riches he had then in possession, asking him, *Whether he was guilty, or not guilty?* He made answer, *That he was not guilty of Wilful Murder, for that he was resisted, and perhaps he not slain him, said he might have suffered himself for offering such an attempt when he was asleep.*

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The Foot Boy standing at the Bar all this while, did seem to be very attentive and observed the Coachman all the while he was speaking, whereupon the Lord Chief Justice began thus to examine him :

Sirrah, said he, *did John Jacob, prisoner at the Bar, tell you he would take money from your Master when was asleep, or did you know that he was indebted to him for Wages, as he says.*

My Lord, replied he, [weeping exceedingly] I knew not of any money my Master owed him : But when we came within seven or eight miles of *Roche-ster*, he asked me how far we had thither, and so near as I could (having been there once before) I told him ; and as he was sitting in the Coach Box and driving forwards, he turn'd him about, and beckned me to him, I going then by the Coach side, and when I came to him he stooped down, the Horses drawing but easily, and bid me tell him when he was asleep, for he used to lie along and sleep in the Coach oftentimes, especially when he went far ; and about an hour after he had spoken to me I told him, not knowing the reason why he asked me, thinking he would offer no injury in the least to him ; he asked me again, *If I were sure he was asleep*, and I said yes : Whereupon he came down from the Coach Box to the Boot, and looking upon him a little while, he drew out of his Pocket a Knife, a long black handle Knife, and immediately stabbed him in two or three places, at which I was greatly amazed, wondring much thereat, asking what he intended to do. Here the Boy seemed to be in a pause, holding down his head, seeming extream pensive, not uttering a word more ; till at last he was commanded to say on further, which he did in this manner :

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Then, my Lord, he came to me, and took hold of me saying, If I would not help his body out of the Coach, he would kill me, which with great fear I did: Whereupon the Court asked the Boy, *If he gave him any money?* He told them, That he promised him 100 pounds to conceal it, but he said he would not, and again thereupon he threatned to kill him, forcing him to take the money. Upon which, the Lord Mayor made answer, that *it was the most inhumanest and barbarous Act that ever was committed*, asking the Coachman, *whether the Boy was privy to his intent.* He answered No, but said he took the money when he gave it him. Then the Court asked him again, *whether he was Guilty, or not Guilty*, to which he replied as formerly, *That he was not Guilty of wilful Murther.* The Court told him they thought it would not be found so, and thereupon the Jury went upon them, who brought them in both *guilty*: But the Prudence of the Judicious Court in doing of Justice was such, after the Jury had gave their *verdict* in, that they thought it not meet for them to suffer here, but where they had done the Fact, therefore Condemned them not, but *ordered* them to be sent to *Maidstone Sizes in Kent*, there to be further Tried, and receive reward for what they had done. Since which time the Coachman hath taken all upon himself, being willing to save the Youths life (if he can) who is about 13 years of age, who in all likelihood by *John Jacobs* words, was but instrumental to the *murther*; yet notwithstanding that, Justice must be satisfied with Real and Impartial Truth, which they are both to answer at the next Sizes in *Maidstone*, which when the Coachman heard, he *pleaded* at the Bar, that he had a Letter from

from His Majesty *Alphonso* King of *Portugal*, in order to be transported thither, there to be Tried ; but being asked to shew it, said he had lost it, being very unwilling to go to *Maid-stone*. The cause whereof (as yet) is onely known to himself, but perhaps Time may tell it to others. After this, they were both returned unto *Newgate*, where they remained that night. The next morning, being

Saturday, December the 14th.

The two Souldiers that was taken on Lord Mayors Day last in *Turn-again-lane*, was brought from *Newgate* again to the Sessions House in the *Old-Bailey*, and there found Guilty by the Jury of Wilful Murther ; the manner whereof was thus :

On the Day after *Simon and Judes* [commonly called Lords Mayors Day] one Mr. *Gronster* a Brick-laiter living in *Sea Coal Lane*, came to a Pewterers house, an acquaintance of his, that sold Drink, to be merry, having appointed him to come in the Evening, and each of them to beat a Drum together, for they both took delight in that exercise, and would often use it ; where they had not long continued, but 4. Souldiers being in the house, and hearing the sound of the Drum, (two of them lodging there, and the other two at the sign of the *Hand and Hammer*, near the same house) were very eager to go up the stairs, which one of them presently did. Mr. *Gronster* seeing him come up so boldly, demanded, *What he would have ?* telling him he would willingly accept of his company, and the rest of his fellows that were below, provided he and they would be civil. Upon which, he replied, *He won'd come up, and stay too ; what was that to him.* Mr. *Gronster* told him,

him it was to him, and he should stay no longer, and thereupon turned him down the stairs, and when he had done, he came up again and shut the Chamber door. The Souldier being down, told the rest of his Comrades what had hapned, whereupon after some Discourse amongst themselves, which they were taken notice of to have, they altogether ascended the stairs with their Swords drawn, and knocking at the door, Mr. Grouster the Brick-laiier came and opened it, whom presently they all struck at, but one of them hit him so violent a blow on the Head with his Hanger, that he fell down upon the floor, and died immediately, which the rest seeing presently fled, two whereof were taken within half an hour after the murther was done, coming down the same Lane, who were both committed to Newgate by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, where they remained till Sessions, and being found Guilty by the Jury on Saturday last of Wilful Murther, they were both Condemned to be hanged at Tyburn for the Fact.



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